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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,403,312, dated April 4, 1995, issued to Yates et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,573,535, dated November 12, 1996, issued to Viklund;
3. U.S. Patent No. US 6,464,702 B2, dated October 15, 2002, issued to Schulze et al.;

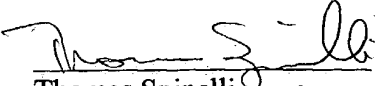
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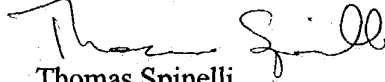

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4. U.S. Patent No. US 6,193,653 B1, dated February 27, 2001, issued to Evans et al.;
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,019,771, dated February 1, 2000, issued to Bennett et al.;
6. U.S. Patent No. 6,110,170, dated August 29, 2000, issued to Taylor et al.;
and
7. U.S. Patent No. US 2003/0040744 A1, dated February 27, 2003, issued to Latterell et al.

Applicants are submitting a copy of reference 7. Copies of references 1-6 are not being submitted herewith as references 1 and 2 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 28, 2001 and references 3-6 were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with parent serial number 09/967,207 filed on September 28, 2001.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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